

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF  
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS  
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR  
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-7**

**ESTABLISHING A GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE  
FOR THE CANAMEX CORRIDOR**

**WHEREAS**, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) created a preferential trade relationship between Canada, Mexico and the United States; and a key component of its successful implementation is the efficient flow of goods, services, people and information between the participating nations; and

**WHEREAS**, trade corridors are geographically designated areas that facilitate the national and transnational movement of goods, services, people and information;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona will initially focus on three key components that a viable trade corridor includes, but is not limited to: (1) Transportation: Comprised of a well developed physical infrastructure including rail, ports of entry, inspection facilities and sea linkages; (2) Commerce: Comprised of an established commercial infrastructure and appropriate trade incentives, including distribution and warehousing facilities, foreign trade zones, business development and professional business expertise, coordinated economic development activity, and a harmonized regulatory environment; and (3) Communications: Comprised of a regionally integrated technological infrastructure including information technology and all other modes of communication, and well-developed social, political and business linkages throughout the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the CANAMEX Trade Corridor is a strategic trade corridor located in the western portion of North America linking western Mexico to western Canada through the states of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana, including significant linkages through Washington and Oregon with Arizona serving as the major gateway to Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona acknowledges that the successful development of the CANAMEX trade corridor would activate and accelerate economic activity throughout the corridor and surrounding areas, and accordingly the State of Arizona is committed to facilitating the development of the CANAMEX Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to provide direct access to multiple markets is critical to a trade corridor's success; and

**WHEREAS**, certain highways in the CANAMEX trade

corridor must be improved to promote access between markets, reduce freight transportation costs and enhance the CANAMEX region's competitiveness. Transportation infrastructure improvements critical to the development of the CANAMEX Corridor include, but are not limited to, the construction of a bridge over the Hoover Dam to accommodate large volumes of commercial truck traffic and the expansion of US 93 to a four lane divided highway; and

**WHEREAS**, under the National Highway System Designation Act, the CANAMEX Corridor was given "high priority designation," and continues to have "high priority designation" in the TEA 21 legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona understands that financial and nonfinancial support from stakeholders located throughout the CANAMEX Corridor is vital in order to complement other federal, state and provincial trade and transportation initiatives,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order a Task Force to serve the purpose of coordinating statewide CANAMEX Corridor efforts and coordinating with other applicable states and provinces in the development of the CANAMEX Corridor. This Task Force is to be known as the **Governor's CANAMEX Corridor Task Force**, under the jurisdiction of the Governor.

1). The Task Force shall initially be comprised of twenty-four members to be appointed by the Governor.

- (a). The Task Force membership will include the Governor, who will serve as chair of the Task Force. If the occasion shall so arise, the Governor may designate another member of her staff to chair meetings.
- (b). The Task Force will include the Governor's Executive Assistants for Transportation, Information Technology and Mexico Policy.
- (c). The Task force will include the Directors of the Arizona Departments of Transportation and Commerce or their designees.
- (d). The Task Force will include one member of the Western CANAMEX Coalition (a non-

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profit corporation), one member of the Arizona-Mexico Commission and the Governor's NAFTA Implementor.

- (e). The Task Force membership will include the Chairs, or their designees, of the Arizona State House of Representatives Economic Development International Trade and Tourism Committee, Transportation Committee and Arizona State Senate Commerce and Economic Development Committee and Transportation Committee; no more than two of which shall be from the same political party.
- (f). The Task Force membership will also include ten At-Large members of the business and academic communities, the general public and one member of the Arizona Board of Transportation as designated by the chairperson of the board.
- (g). The Governor may appoint additional At-Large members to the Task Force as deemed necessary and appropriate.
- (h). The Task Force shall initially establish three standing committees in the areas of Transportation, Commerce and Communications to assist with the performance of the duties of the Task Force. Committees shall be comprised of members of the Task Force and additional ad hoc members appointed by the committees as needed.

2). Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

3). Members or designees shall not send alternates to represent them at Task Force meetings. Members who miss three or more consecutive meetings in a twelve month period are subject to replacement.

4). The Governor may engage other entities to carry out duties and functions of the Task Force.

5). The Task Force shall advise the Governor on all matters of the CANAMEX Corridor development and strategy for the State of Arizona:

- (a). The Task Force will consult and coordinate with all the states and provinces within the CANAMEX Corridor. Those involved states and provinces may include, but are not limited to Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, the Mexican States of Sonora, Sinaloa, Nayarit, Jalisco, Guanajuato, Queretaro, Estado de Mexico and Mexico D.F., and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, with the goal of creating a multi-state/province coalition that will pursue corridor-based objectives at the local, state and federal levels.
- (b). The Task Force will work with the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Arizona

Department of Commerce, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Public Safety and the Arizona Congressional delegation to identify funding sources for infrastructure projects of strategic importance the corridor's development, such as the completion of the bridge over the Hoover Dam and improvements to US 93 and the I-10/I-19 Interchange.

- (c). The Task Force will identify those cooperative opportunities to be undertaken by the Executive branch with the Executive Branches of the other interested states and provinces in the CANAMEX Corridor.
- (d). The Task Force, in cooperation with the Arizona Legislature, applicable Arizona agencies; representatives of other interested states and provinces within the CANAMEX Corridor, will identify potential inter-regional legislative or policy initiatives that support the development of the CANAMEX Corridor, and will work to support implementation of such initiatives.
- (e). The Task Force will identify those Corridor-based Arizona initiatives best suited to be undertaken by the business community and other community organizations.
- (f). The Task Force will prepare for the Governor a comprehensive strategic plan for the development of the CANAMEX trade corridor within Arizona including:

- (i). An analysis of the opportunities resulting from the development of the CANAMEX trade Corridor and identification of existing impediments thereto;

- (ii). A recommendation of initiatives to be pursued by the executive and legislative branches, the private sector, city and county governments and others;

- (iii). A strategy for the implementation of such initiatives;

- (iv). Identification of financial and infrastructure needs to meet the objectives established by the Task Force;

- (v). Any other initiatives or studies that the Governor may request.

- (g). The Task Force will identify and solicit financial support from the public and private sector throughout the CANAMEX Corridor.

6). Plans and decisions made by the Task force are subject to approval by the Governor.

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7). The Governor's CANAMEX Corridor Task Force shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2001, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand and  
caused to be affixed the Great Seal  
of the State of Arizona.

**Jane Dee Hull**  
Governor

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix  
on this Thirtieth day of July in the  
Year of Our Lord One Thousand  
Nine Hundred and Ninety-Eight  
and of the Independence of the  
United States of America the Two  
Hundred and Twenty-Second.

**ATTEST:**

**Betsey Bayless**  
Secretary of State